

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse
in the National Archives.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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clearinghouse in the National Archives.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Servitude and Emanci-
5 pation Archival Research ClearingHouse Act” or the
6 “SEARCH Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES DATA-**
2 **BASE OF HISTORIC RECORDS REGARDING**
3 **SERVITUDE AND EMANCIPATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Archivist of the United
5 States shall establish, as a part of the National Archives,
6 a national database consisting of historic records of ser-
7 vitude and emancipation in the United States to assist Af-
8 rican Americans in researching their genealogy.

9 (b) MAINTENANCE.—The database shall be main-
10 tained by the National Historical Publications and
11 Records Commission.

12 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated—

14 (1) \$5,000,000 to establish the database; and

15 (2) \$5,000,000 to provide grants to States and
16 colleges and universities to preserve local records of
17 servitude and emancipation.